

### **REMARKS**

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated February 9, 2005. Reconsideration of the above identified application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

#### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 9 and 10 have been added. Claims 1-8 have been amended. No new matter is added. Claims 1-10 are presently pending. Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 stand rejected. Claims 3, 7, and 8 are objected to.

#### **II. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 7, and 8. Claims 3, 7, and 8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant believes that claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art at least for the foregoing reasons. Therefore, claims 3, 7, and 8, which depend on claim 1, are believed to be allowable. However, Applicant stands ready to rewrite claims 3, 7, and 8 to be in independent form so that they do not depend on rejected claims, if requested by the Examiner.

#### **III. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection**

Claims 4-8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner states that the terms "rotating-type" and "fastening-type" render claims 4-8 indefinite. Claims 4, 5, 7, and 8 have been amended to replace "rotating-type" with "rotatable" and "fastening-type" with "fastenable." Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the aforementioned amendments, the rejection of claims 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### **IV. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection**

Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,158,279 to Saiki in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,616,165 to Tsuji. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Saiki discloses a speedometer mounting device that includes a headlight case 60 and a light body 61 in the headlight case 60. A bulb 62 is removably attached to the light body 61. The headlight case 60 includes a meter mounting hole 64 at an upper rear side and a wiring hole 65 at a lower rear side. A speedometer 32 is inserted through the meter mounting hole 64 from above the headlight case 60 and mounted to a meter stay 66.

The Examiner contends that Saiki discloses that the bulb 62 is removable from a rear side of the lamp 30 and that the meter unit is removable to allow access to the interior of the headlight case. The Examiner, however, states that Saiki does not disclose a meter unit that is movable between two positions, but that Tsuji discloses this feature.

Tsuji discloses a meter display 45 that is pivotably mounted on a cover for a storage compartment located at a front side of a vehicle. The Examiner contends that the meter display is pivotably mounted to allow access to an enclosure that mounts a head lamp.

The present invention provides a head lamp unit with a bulb mounting and removing portion in a rear surface thereof. This feature provides the advantage of securing the front view for the rider but also securing the visibility of the meter unit (page 1, lines 20-23, of the present Specification). The present invention also provides a meter unit that is movable between two positions and disposed near the upper rear portion of the head lamp unit. As a result, when the meter unit is positioned in a normal position, the front field of vision for a rider can be secured while providing good visibility of the meter unit. When the meter unit is positioned in a bulb replacing position, the meter unit is prevented from being caught by the bulb mounting and removing portion of the rear surface of the head lamp unit, thereby providing easy access to the



also does not disclose a bulb mounting and removing portion in the rear surface of a head lamp unit, as set forth in claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the aforementioned reasons, the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

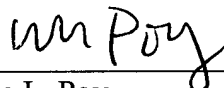
### CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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